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IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete in its entirety the paragraph at lines 22-24 on page 3 of the application as filed.

Please amend the Abstract as filed as follows:

~~The invention relates to a redundant serial bus and a method for its operation. In order to connect~~ The connection of serial bus systems which are known per se, but have no system-integrated redundancy ~~means~~ apparatus, to one another by means of bus lines ~~(11, 12)~~ of redundant design, is accomplished by a redundancy apparatus means (3) is proposed which can be connected upstream ~~and~~ is connected between the bus communications interface ~~(200)~~ of a bus subscriber (2) and the redundant bus lines ~~(11, 12)~~. In this case, during operation, transmission always takes place on all the bus lines ~~(11, 12)~~, and a fault-free bus line ~~(11, 12)~~ is selected at the receiving end. The redundancy apparatus has an evaluation stage that determines criteria of a data stream other than the presence or absence of data for a period of time and the content of said data stream for selecting one of the bus lines as the receiving line based on the criteria.

~~Related figure, Figure 1~~